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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 7,

Line 40, replace “  $c(E) \geq c_a = \max \left\{ c: \sum_{i=c}^n \binom{n}{i} (p^*)^i (1-p^*)^{n-i} < \alpha \right\}$  ” with

$$-- c(E) \geq c_a = \max \left\{ c: \sum_{i=c}^n \binom{n}{i} (p^*)^i (1-p^*)^{n-i} < \alpha \right\} --.$$

Column 8,

Line 14, replace “  $minsup(E) = \max \left\{ c: 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \frac{e^{-np^*} (np^*)^i}{i!} < \alpha \right\}$  ” with

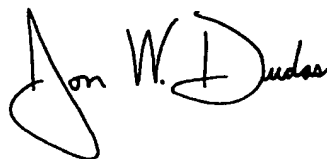
$$-- minsup(E) = \max \left\{ c: 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{c-1} \frac{e^{-np^*} (np^*)^i}{i!} < \alpha \right\} --.$$

Column 14,

Line 28, replace “11” with -- 9 --.

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